

2019-2020 Testing Schedule at Underwood School District #550, Underwood, MN

MCA TESTING Minnesota's statewide MCA tests, called the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, are annual, summative measurements of student achievement that are used, along with many other school and classroom assessments, to evaluate student learning and skills. Specifically, the Minnesota statewide tests assess achievement of the Minnesota Academic Standards in mathematics, reading and science and language proficiency development for English learners. Some forms of other assessments occur on a daily basis, others occur at the end of a unit of instruction, and others at the end of a semester or course. Schools use the MCA's as objective, standardized assessments to validly measure students' learning against benchmarks of academic achievement.

3rd Math - April 27, 28, 29 9:00 - 11:00

3rd Reading - March 31, April 1, 2, 3 9:00 - 11:00

4th Math - April 30, 31, May 4 9:00 - 10:30

4th Reading - April 2, 3, 6 9:00 - 11:00

5th Math - April 27, 28, 29 during class time

5th Reading - March 30, 31, April 1, 2 during class time

5th Science - May 5, 6, 7 during class time

6th Math - April 27, 28, 29 during class time

6th Reading - March 30, 31, April 1, 2 during class time

7th Math - April 22, 23, 24 during class time

7th Reading - April 15, 16, 17 during class time

8th Math - April 22, 23, 24 during class time

8th Reading - April 15, 16, 17 during class time

8th Science MCA - April 30, May 1, 4 during class time

10th Reading - April 15, 16, 17, 20 during class time

10th Science - April 30, May 1, 4 during class time

11th Math - March 30, 31, April 1 during class time

Most students take the MCA, but students who receive special education services and meet eligibility criteria may take the MTAS. These tests will be administered on the same days that their classmates are taking the MCA's.

ACCESS for ELL's are a requirement for students who are English Language Learners. They must be given to students in grades k - 12 from Jan 29 - March 24. The assessments were developed by the WIDA consortium and administered to measure progress toward meeting Minnesota's standards for English language development. English learners who received special education services and meet the participation guidelines may take the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs. Our students will take these tests on March 10, 11, 12.

Individual student results from the MCA's, MTAS, and ACCESS for ELL's will be available for parents to pick up in September and will be sent home to parents/ guardians no later than fall conferences.

The ASVAB is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery that is given to all juniors at Underwood School. It is a career and vocational test with resources available for students to consider for personal career ideas. It will be held on November 5th this year and goes from 8:30 - 12:00 noon. Results are interpreted for students as a class within a month after the administration. More information is available at <http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab>.

The PSAT is a "preliminary SAT test" as is an optional test for students in the 11th grade. It will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. It is administered from 8:30 - 12:00 noon. This year it will be offered free as a special offer by the SAT company to Underwood students. The test is used to measure readiness for college, access scholarships, and practice for the SAT. Results are sent to the school and given to the students approximately 6 - 8 weeks after the test. More information is available at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about>.

The ACT Plus Writing will be an optional test for all juniors and any seniors who have not taken the test. It is a college entrance exam and is given at Underwood School on March 24th with a make up date of April 7th. The state is providing this opportunity to students to take it during the day at our high school. The test will start at 8:30 and usually takes until 1:00. The test is free for those eligible for free and reduced meals. The local district will pay \$30 for other students, and the remainder of the fee, \$28, is due from the student. Results are mailed by ACT to each students home approximately six weeks after the test administration. More information is available at <http://www.act.org>.

The NOCTI Basic Accounting test is used for students in a business class to meet the requirement for our Perkins funding. If it is needed this year the dates are approximately mid May and will be taken during class. There is no cost for students. NOCTI is the largest provider of industry-based credentials and partner industry certifications for career and technical education (CTE) programs across the nation.

If you have any questions on testing and assessments, contact Anne Stenoien, the District Assessment Coordinator, 218-826-6101 ext 108 or by email at astenoien@underwood.k12.mn.us.